

North Cumberland Fire District Board of Trustees

50 Arnold Mills Road Cumberland, RI

Minutes of April 16, 2014 Meeting

**Present: Phillip Koutsogiane, Chairman Others : Robert Murray,
Treasurer**

Michael Spaziani, Vice Chair

Martin Klara, Tax

Collector Harry MacDonald Ghislaine Therien, Clerk

John Patrick McCoy

Charles Wilk

Paul Lindquist

Brian Campbell

Chief Brian Jackvony

OPENING

**Chairman called to order the regular meeting of the North
Cumberland Fire District (NCFD) at 7:01 pm.**

CLERK'S REPORT

**Motion made by Mr. MacDonald and seconded by Mr. Lindquist to
accept the March 2014 Minutes as presented. Motion carried by all
present.**

CORRESPONDENCE

None

Motion made by Mr. Wilk to move into Executive Session. Motion

seconded by Mr. McCoy. Motion carried by all present.

Motion made by Mr. MacDonald to reopen regular meeting. Motion seconded by Mr. Lindquist. Motion carried by all present.

Motion made by Mr. Wilk to seal the February 2014 Executive Session Minutes. Motion seconded by Mr. Campbell. Motion carried by all present. No vote/Motion was taken.

TREASURER'S REPORT – March 2014

Mr. Murray submitted his report which is repeated herein and incorporated by reference.

NCFD Payroll and Overtime

 March standard payroll was \$55,173.82. Overtime was \$18,657.56

 Total payroll \$725,955.74 through March 2014

- Total Expenses \$1,344,51 through March 2014**
- Percentage of overtime to total expenses 14.64%**

Income/Revenue:

- \$7,562.64 taxes collected in March 2014. Collected 99.69% of current year budget.**
- Interest income \$681.71 March 2014. Interest earned on average balances at NCU.**

- **Various Fees \$985.00 March 2014.**

March 2014 Expenses:

- **Total expenses for month \$118,346.42**
- **BC/BS \$18,927.66/Pension \$8,765.33**
- **Revenue in excess of expenses (\$118,346.42)**

March 2014 Certain Account Balances

- **Total Savings/Cash \$1,124,250.56**
- **Total Other Current Assets \$372,203.00**
- **Fixed Assets \$1,415,713.00**
- **Total Current Liabilities \$6523.48**
- **Total Liabilities \$627,937.20**
- **Total Equity \$2,284,229.36**
- **Total Liabilities & Equity \$2,912,166.56**

The budget is \$74.79% under budget to date. Hydrant fees have been paid to the Town and 99.97 of the taxes have been collected.

Motion made by Mr. McCoy and seconded by Mr. Lindquist to accept the Treasurer's report as presented encompassing January, February and March. Motion carried by all present.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT – March 2014

Mr. Klara submitted his report which is repeated herein and incorporated by reference.

- **\$24,697.78 taxes collected in March 2013-2014 YTD \$1,705,590.26**

- **2013-2012 total taxes Due \$63,656.33**
- **Prior years taxes due \$44,773.20**
- **Fees paid \$0**
- **Tax sale letters mailed and \$40,000 collected so far. Attorney Baker will give 60 day notice to Rhode Island Housing.**
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Motion made by Mr. McCoy and seconded by Mr. Wilk to accept the Tax Collector's report as presented. Motion carried by all present.

CHIEF'S REPORT/MONTHLY EXPENDITURES-MARCH 2014

Chief Jackvony submitted his report which is repeated herein and incorporated by reference.

EMERGENCY CALLS

The North Cumberland Fire Department responded to 117 incidents in the month of

March 2014, this represents 21 additional responses and a 22% increase over 2013.

PERSONNEL RESPONDED TO:

- **3 mutual aid; 3 gas odor; 1 chimney fire, 1 structure fire; 6 motor vehicle accidents; and 1 vehicle fire**

PERSONNEL:

- **NFPA 1001, Level 2 final exam completed with final practical on 4/19/14.**

- Multiple lights repaired on Truck 5
- Re[aired backboard compartment on Truck 5
- Engine5 to RIFA on 4/19/14

BUILDING AND GROUNDS:

- Planning kitchen replacement
- Siren need to be removed from rear of the station

EQUIPMENT / APPARATUS

- Annual aerial and group ladder testing completed
- Gate valve rebuilt by American Fire and returned to Truck 5
- Two new Protégé meters purchased
- New ice rescue suit purchased
- New lift device purchased for Engine 5
- Nothing unusual with bills

Motion made by Mr. McCoy and seconded by Mr. Lindquist to accept the Chief's report as presented. Motion carried by all present.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Financial Management, Budget, Taxes

- 2014-2015 budget being worked on

Apparatus/Buildings/Ground

Nothing to report

Personnel/Labor Relations

Nothing to report.

Negotiation

Discuss in Executive Session

Consolidation

Discuss under Old Business

OLD BUSINESS

Consolidation Update with Requirements

- **Committee continues to meet**

Third Party Administration

- **Executed on behalf of the North Cumberland Fire District**

NEW BUSINESS

Cook vs. NCFD

- **Matter dismissed with prejudice. No interest/no costs**

Stephanie Clancy-Tax Procedures

Raised an issue regarding her taxes. Billing claims she owes taxes for 2012 and she is not sure why. Purchased the home in 2012 and tax bill was mailed to prior owner. She wants relief on the interest. The Board does not have the right to void the interest. When she purchased the property owner did not give her the tax bill. Owes \$659 plus interest.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Mr. Wilk and seconded by Mr. Lindquist to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried by all present. Meeting adjourned at 8:51 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Ghislaine D. Therien

Recording Clerk